

## UGM Staff Association Ready to Monitor Benefit Payment

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Corps of Universitas Gadjah Mada Staff (KORPAGAMA) are ready to monitor the payment process of performance benefits (Tukin) of UGM staff. This is confirmed by the Chairman of KORPAGAMA, Prof. Drs. Koentjoro., MBS., Ph.D., as a response to employee's unpaid performance benefits from July to December 2014 and from January to December, 2015.

Koentjoro explained on Monday (29/2) that UGM staff representatives held a meeting with Korpagama to express their aspirations related to Tukin. After listening to their aspirations, Korpagama subsequently sent a letter to the Rector for a meeting.

"Korpagama eventually facilitates a meeting on Wednesday (2/3) afternoon between UGM staff and the university," said Koentjoro, Thursday (3/3).

In these hearings, UGM ostaff representatives met with university officials, such as Vice Rector for Human Resources and Assets, Prof. Ir. Budi Santoso Wignyosukarto, Dipl. HE, and the Executive Secretary, Gugup Kismono, Ph.D. The results of the meeting affirmed that the university actually did not stay silent. The university has struggled for the Tukin to be paid by the government.

"The university is not standing still and has already tried for the payment . It is a misconception if one is demanding the UGM because the money is still in Jakarta," said Koentjoro.

After an explanation, it is agreed by both parties to set up a task force to specifically deal with Tukin related problems. In addition, the university will provide an explanation to the faculty or unit of

work.

"For the cost of processing the Tukin, the university is ready to help. Therefore, together we need to oversee the distribution of Tukin," he concluded.

Likewise, the Head of Public Relations and Protocol, Dr. Iva Ariani., SS, M. Hum., confirmed that UGM is concerned with the unpaid Tukin. UGM has tried various efforts, either individually or together with other state legal entity universities, to write a letter to the Research and Higher Learning Ministry in order to distribute Tukin soon. After that, followed by a letter from the Ministry to the Minister of Finance in 2015.

"It has not been responded. A copy of the letter we sent to the Research and Higher Learning Ministry as evidence of our struggle to push the distribution of Tukin was also given to the representatives of UGM staff at yesterday's meeting," explained Iva.

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